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Lorne Pierce—Man of Letters
By C. H. Dickinson

What DO Preachers Get Paid?
By A. C. Forrest

Still Too Much Organ

Dear Sir: In the little old Methodist country church where I was raised the two hours of worship and exhortation were spent in an atmosphere of quiet reverence sans the thunder of a pipe organ, prelude-interlude-postlude to every part of the service . . .

Two items should be corrected in our modern services. Erect a higher screen around the organist's niche. A continually bobbing bald spot beating emphatic time, or a hand and arm at the same duty, are distracting and needless to say the least. Rock 'n roll has no place in divine worship. Secondly, cut down 92 per cent. on motor horsepower and operating time.

Toronto, Ont. A. E. Richards.

More Bible Reading

Dear Sir: Why doesn't the United Church encourage individual, family and group Bible reading and Bible study? I seldom hear the subject mentioned from any of the pulpits in this city, and apparently few of the churches have a mid-week prayer and Bible study group. By the very small turnout at the one which I attend (which has excellent leadership), I would suppose that church members are just too busy for Bible reading. . . .

Edmonton, Alta. Concerned.

Going Back to C.G.I.T.

Dear Sir: I meant to write this letter upon reading the first letter of complaint regarding the picture of C.G.I.T. leaders wearing shorts at camp which appeared in THE OBSERVER. I feel compelled to say that I thought the ladies pictured looked charming, and the entire article, including the pictures, reaffirmed my intention to get back into C.G.I.T. work as soon as the demands of our small children permit. . . .

Red Deer, Alta. Donna Mackenzie.

How To Spend Vacation

Dear Sir: Your editorial on ministers' vacations seems to me to answer nothing —in fact says just nothing!

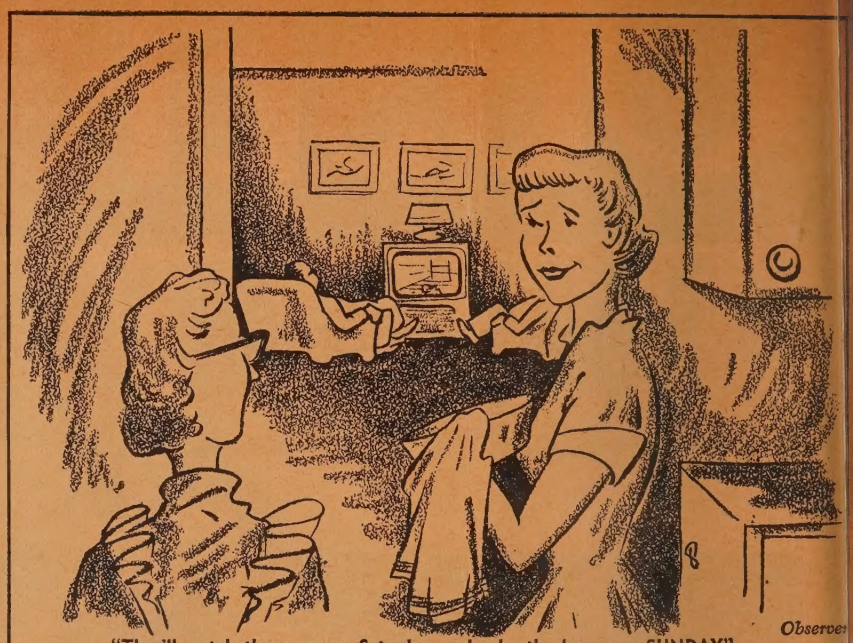
Two months' holidays! That's only for the wealthy, the worldly—very seldom for the worthy. . . .

We have heard much about the use (and abuse) of spare time. The world's work is too big to do in an eight hour day; five day week; ten month year. . . .

A month's holiday? Perhaps, provided that a big half of it is spent in some worthwhile "extension work" such as boys' or girls' camps, social service work in or out of hospitals, prisons or mental institutions learning how people in the pews live, think and die—also how those who are not in the pews do so! One such man — not of our church—did so recently and gave a week-long series of broadcasts on his experiences in Bellevue Hospital, New York. The enrichment of this man's mind (and to ours who listened) is beyond calculation. . . .

After all, the ministry, as well as the medical profession, is a "Way of Life" (Osler). We have chosen! Must we not live in the "Way"? Tel qu'on fait notre lit, on se couche.

H. J. G. Geggie (M.D., C.M.)
Wakefield, Que.



"They'll watch the game on Saturday, and rake the leaves on SUNDAY"

Wants More Doctrine

Dear Sir: I should like to write in strong support of Kenneth Micklethwaite's letter. I, like him, feel that too much time is spent on the trivialities of church life and not nearly enough on discussing matters of faith, doctrine, apologetics, etc. . . .

Mr. Micklethwaite's idea of a "What's Puzzling You" column is a good one, and in the hope that it may be adopted, I would suggest the following question: "Why do some Protestant churches have only two sacraments while more orthodox churches have seven sacraments"? . . .

Didsbury, Alta. R. Gordon Bankier.

Furor Ended!

Dear Sir: It would seem that my note has caused quite a furor among the scholars.

Please grant space for a final word. I was sitting in my wheel-chair when I heard the expression "God wants you and I, etc.," and it seemed to me to be quite away left of centre.

Having spent my early years in a school on the edge of a peat bog in Donegal where the teacher was only a trifle ahead of her pupils, my I.Q. is rated low, so I sought advice from one of Canada's brightest scholars and his reply was, "It is not correct under any circumstances." . . . So I leave it at that. . . .

S. J. F.

Gambling For Funds

Dear Sir: Should a conscientious Chri tian have his name associated with tho service clubs which resort to gambling raise funds? I will not.

Brantford, Ont. J. W. Youn

M.R.A. Comments

Dear Sir: . . . M.R.A. challenges me and nations to re-align their lives by th absolute standards of honesty, purit unselfishness and love under the guidanc of God. This is a programme which tak everything we have to give personall nationally, and internationally. That woul seem to be about all one can give to Go in full surrender. . . .

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Lemberg, Sask. Rev. W. J. Graham

Dear Sir: . . . I suggest that the Rev J. A. Davidson visit Mackinac Island Michigan, registering at "Bennett Hall, where he will be received not only wit courtesy but with kindness and love, befor he again writes criticizing and castin suspicion on M.R.A.

Aurora, Ont. Mrs. C. H. Sheppard

Dear Sir: I joined our local Methodis Church in 1883 and have been a membe of the Official Board of it and the Unite Church continuously since 1890 either as Class Leader, Sunday School Teacher an Superintendent, Church Treasurer o Trustee, etc. I have also seen the needs o my son met through Church members wit the plus of M.R.A.'s vital experience. . .

Winchester, Ont. N. W. Beach

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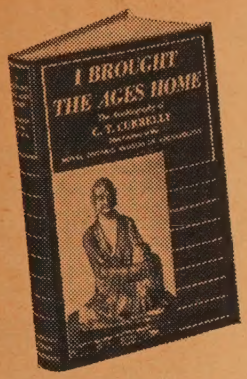

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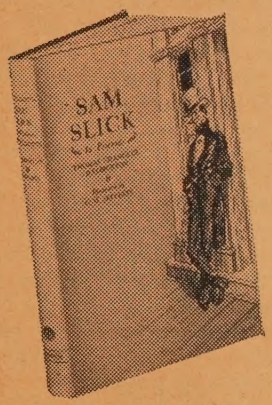

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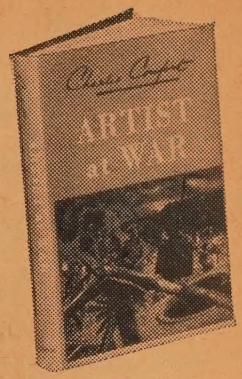

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Devotions By PETER GORDON WHITE

What Is Love?

BY LOVE we mean at least these attitudes and actions: rejoicing in the presence of the beloved, gratitude, reverence and loyalty toward him.

Love is rejoicing over the existence of the beloved one; it is the desire that he be rather than not be; it is longing for his presence when he is absent; it is happiness in the thought of him; it is profound satisfaction over everything that makes him great and glorious.

Love is gratitude: it is thankfulness for the existence of the beloved; it is the happy acceptance of everything that he gives without the jealous feeling that the self ought to be able to do as much; it is a gratitude that does not seek equality; it is wonder over the other's gift of himself in companionship.

Love is reverence: it keeps its distance even as it draws near; it does not seek to absorb the other in the self or want to be absorbed by it; it rejoices in the otherness of the other; it desires the beloved to be what he is and does not seek to refashion him into a replica of the self or to make him a means to the self's advancement. As reverence, love is and seeks knowledge of the other, not by way of curiosity nor for the sake of gaining power but in rejoicing and in wonder. In all such love there is an element of that "holy fear" which is not a form of flight but rather deep respect for the otherness of the beloved and the profound unwillingness to violate his integrity.

Love is loyalty to the other's cause—to his loyalty. As there is no patriotism where only the country is loved and not the country's cause—that for the sake of which the nation exists—so there is no love of God where God's cause is not loved, that which God loves and to which he has bound himself in sovereign freedom.

—H. Richard Niebuhr

The Bible—T N T

A CERTAIN minister sent a number of books, among them a copy of the New Testament, to be rebound. He was surprised on the return of the books to find on the shelfback of the New Testament a label in gilt letters "T N T." The explanation was that the bookbinder found no place on the book to spell out The New Testament, so he inscribed thereon the first letters of the three words—"T N T."

Not a bad name for the New Testament! It is T N T. It explodes and pieces come down in unexpected places.

We are told nowadays by cautious souls that nowhere in the Bible is there a text reading, "Go ye into all the C.I.O. strikes and preach the gospel," or, "Go ye into all the diplomatic conferences and preach the gospel." That is, of course, true. Nevertheless, when the great truths of Jesus' message are spread abroad, they explode and come down in the midst of industrial conflicts and suave political preparations for war.

—Halford E. Luccock

Bible Readings

Nov. 15. Peacemakers Are Blessed .....Romans 12: 17-21
Nov. 16. The Blessed Ones.....Luke 6: 20-23
Nov. 17. Men Who Are Blessed.....Psalm 24: 1-6
Nov. 18. The Upright Man.....Psalm 15: 1-5

The Prodigal Son. Luke 15: 11-32

Nov. 19. The Heavenly Father's Love .....Matthew 6: 25-34
Nov. 20. Sons Through Faith.....Romans 8: 12-17
Nov. 21. Prone to Wander.....Romans 7: 14-25
Nov. 22. Redemption Through Christ .....Romans 5: 17-21
Nov. 23. A Forgiving God.....Psalm 130: 1-8
Nov. 24. A Gracious God.....Psalm 103: 1-6
Nov. 25. A Merciful God.....Psalm 103: 7-18

Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled. John 14

Nov. 26. Assurance of Love.....1 John 4: 15-21
Nov. 27. The Comforting Spirit.....John 14: 25-31
Nov. 28. In Times of Trouble.....Psalm 86: 1-10
Nov. 29. Assurance.....Psalm 73: 23-28
Nov. 30. God Is My Salvation.....Isaiah 12: 1-6

Forgiving Spirit

DURING the Revolutionary War a preacher walked fifty miles to beg General Washington to spare the life of a man who had been sentenced to death for neglect of duty.

"I am sorry I cannot grant your request for your friend's pardon," said Washington. The preacher replied: "He is not my friend; I suppose I do not have a worse enemy living."

Washington looked surprised and said "Surely you are not pleading for your enemy?" "Yes!" said the preacher. "Then," said General Washington, "I will grant the pardon."

Prayer

(For a Men's Meeting)

O LORD our God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we bless thee that thou didst send thy son to the rescue of mankind.

We praise his name who died to save us.

We thank thee for the quickening power of thy holy spirit within us, moving us to reverence what is good, and to repent of our sins, and to return to obedience.

For the witness of evangelists, apostles, martyrs, service of Christ in days of old, we give thee thanks; and for living comrades in the faith today.

As Matthew left his counting-house and fishermen their nets to follow Jesus, we would enlist in his service.

Impart to each, O Lord, the grace he lacks. Show us some new thing that we might do, or how better to fulfil familiar tasks, and to God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be glory now and forever more. Amen.

—R. W. Stewart

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Those Japanese War Babies
By LLOYD GRAHAM

Observations

JUST AT PRESS TIME when news from Hungary was confused, and the situation in the Near East critical, we broke up this page (the last to go to press) to make room for a message from the Moderator, news of action just taken through the Committee on Overseas Relief, and a condensation of a news release from the Church's standing Committee on International Affairs.

● MODERATOR'S MESSAGE: "In the name of The United Church of Canada I assure the people of Hungary and their kinsfolk in this country of our profound sympathy with them in their present trials and sufferings. We deplore the brutal violence that has been directed against them and firmly believe that they should be granted complete liberty to choose their own way of life and form of government. It is our earnest prayer that out of this present struggle, the people of Hungary may come into larger freedom and a settled social and political order and that this result may be achieved by peaceful means without further bloodshed. The United Church of Canada is making available immediately $5,000 for the relief of suffering and will consider further support as needs become known."

● OVERSEAS RELIEF. A Cheque for $5,000 was sent October 31 to the World Council for relief in Hungary, after an emergency meeting of the Committee on Overseas Relief.

● THE UNITED CHURCH'S Committee on the Church and International Affairs called upon the Canadian government to pursue a neutral and friendly balance policy in relation to our country's share of responsibility in the Middle East. . . .

The Committee telegraphed Honourable Lester B. Pearson to urge that for the cause of peace and in the interests both of Israel and Egypt, that the Canadian offer to ship twenty-four jet planes should not be acted on. The Committee went further and informed Mr. Pearson that in its opinion this offer to ship planes never should have been made.

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● THE EDITORIAL STAFF gets absolutely deflated sometimes when letters come in saying something like: "And who do you think is going to read THE OBSERVER twenty years from now, if you don't publish things for the boys and girls?" We would like to. We would like very much to have thousands of boys and girls reading THE OBSERVER, and yet we have to admit that the only thing we carry regularly aimed in their direction is "The Music Makers" which has seven hundred members. However the Church does publish many things for the boys and girls. There are several Sunday School papers, and also there is *World Friends*, a fine little monthly which appeals to children, ages 5 to 13. The circulation is about 53,000, and we think parents will find it provides much of what some would like to see in our OBSERVER.

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● PREPARING A COVER story sometimes proves to be quite an effort, as Mr. Homewood will testify re the recent Fred Victor Mission — Dr. W. A. Hunnisett piece. One night last winter, he took his camera out for a prowl through Toronto's Jarvis area. When we joined him later for sandwiches (which we helped the mission staff hand out to a hundred men or so) he looked a little worse for the night's wear. He had been roughed up not in the mission, but on the street, by an inebriate who tried to smash his camera. He protected his camera but had his glasses smashed.

We are delighted that Dr. Hunnisett and the mission staff were pleased. Dr. H., never interested in things for himself but always keen for any help for his mission, 'phoned the other day to say that letters (including cheques) had come from all over the country. Some donations were small, some in three figures; the largest was for $500.00. We find these by-products of OBSERVER editing very refreshing, for we don't get letters like that.

A Christmas Present for the Minister

THE late Dr. Hugh Thomson Kerr, the Canadian minister who became the distinguished Moderator of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., had a good story about books. He said he had a sympathetic layman in the congregation who knew a poor sermon. Every time he heard one from Dr. Kerr he sent him a new book. Dr. Kerr added: "I've got a lot of books."

It's a good idea. Much of the poverty of the pulpit reflects lack in the library. Ministers need books from libraries, but they also need books of their own, the kind they can underline, mark up, and return to again and again.

We know that at Christmas many people like to give a gift to the minister. Stewards and Official Boards do, too. Often the gift gets eaten on the table, or burned in the auto motor. Occasionally it lights up the pulpit utterances.

We know there is a great growing need and demand for books; we know, too, they are becoming more expensive.

So we are suggesting, or urging, that members give their ministers books for Christmas. But we know that sometimes they are afraid he won't like their choice, or that it may be a duplicate. Mr. Gordon Bray of the Retail Department, Ryerson Press, has promised to co-operate with us and prepare a book token, so that one may be purchased and presented, and then the minister can buy what he wants, at the time he needs it, at the best possible price. But the gift may be sent at Christmas. Somewhere in this issue there is an advertisement telling about it.

THE INDIAN AFFAIR

A GREAT deal of unhappiness was created by the newspaper account of the Report of The United Church Commission on Indian Work, at the General Council. Incorrect reports were given wide circulation. The Indian people were naturally irritated, and the many Church workers among the Indians were greatly distressed.

Actually it was a very good report. *The Christian Century* said of it: "The report is a perceptive analysis which deserves to be studied by everybody who is concerned with racial justice and Christian service."

Unfortunately there was one rather realistic paragraph which was misquoted by the Canadian Press. Radio reports were condensed and the impression was pretty bad.

Later the Canadian Press published a new story which said in part:

"A Canadian Press story, Sept. 19th, quoting the report erroneously used the word 'excessive laziness' instead of 'excessive idleness' and 'lack of personal initiative' instead of 'lack of personal incentive and community endeavour.' Further the Canadian Press report erroneously said th United Church described most Canadian reserve Indian as 'lazy, immoral, non-social and unambitious'."

The Canadian Press is a good news service, of whic Canadians are justly proud. It does not lightly retract o admit error. We don't think it makes many serious error It issued this statement with considerable grace, out of it concern to right a wrong, and continue its reputation fo factual and interesting news service. We appreciate it.

At the same time we must admit that, excellent thoug the Commission report was, it could have stood som editing at one point. We sometimes wonder that we don' have more misunderstandings, when we are involved i such a tremendous amount of work in so many sphere of life.

We believe though, that the public is well aware tha the daily news is served up in a colourful way. Today' exciting story fits into proper perspective tomorrow, an we are wise not to get too troubled over matters like this

We hope that out of this more people will be concerne for the Church's work among 153,000 Indian people i its schools, hospitals, and 65 missions. Like all missio work it has not been easy for the devoted servants of th Church who engage in it.

We thought it significant that in all the flurry only on of our numerous letter-writers wrote THE OBSERVER abou it. Readers of the Church's publications, Indian and white are not apt to be too disconcerted by such an incident.

FROM CHURCH TO NATION

THE whispering in the mulberry bushes has become blowing in the tree-tops. The revival of interest i religion is becoming a revival of religion. The enthusiasm of the suburbs is flowing back into the heart of the cities Increased activities in the men's groups of the Church i becoming increased faith and activity among the men o the Church. The Mission to the Church is becoming Mission to the Nation.

The Windsor Mission brought 25,000 to the Arena t hear the Gospel preached; and two hundred witnesse their decision. The Ottawa Mission is beginning as thi is written; the well-planned and prayed-for Kingsto Mission, too; Peterborough, also. Two hundred Mission have been planned, mostly in small places.

From all over the country reports have been coming o successful and less successful missions. Missioners wh have preached for twenty years without ever asking for signed card, a raised hand, or a convert kneeling at th front, have felt guided to preach for decisions. They g back to their Churches renewed in strength and spirit their people notice the difference.

From some places like Winnipeg and Toronto w haven't been hearing much. And hundreds of other place are behind with their plans. This is not reason fo discouragement. The wind which blows in the tree-top doesn't blow with the same force in all places. Those wh work and pray and believe in this may take comfort. Th Church has accepted this Mission; and God seems to b blessing and prospering it.

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An Editorial Feature

There's More Than Money in Books

A SUCCESSFUL Canadian author who has a $4.00 book published by a good Canadian publisher, which receives good reviews and the very large sale of 4,000 copies, will receive $1,600.

If he is only mildly successful and has a sale of 2,000 and the book sells for $3.00, he will net $600. Of course if it gets published in the United States and Great Britain it will be much better. If it goes on selling year after year he will continue to receive royalty cheques; the author's share is 10 per cent. of retail sales. Incidentally Cronin and Costain and such like do better, but 10 per cent. is standard.

If the book sells 1,000, as it is very apt to do, he may get $300 and his publisher will have a deficit. Publishers often lose money; they often expect to lose money. When an author is published for the first time the publisher is not likely to think as much about that first book as he is of the books he hopes will be written in the years ahead. Most Canadian religious books lose money here.

If Hollywood buys it, or it is serialized in a magazine, the story is very different. Writing books is for most Canadians a hobby, or a not-very-profitable side-line. Publishing is a hazardous business. But like a conscientious writer or artist, a good publisher sees that it is a privilege to publish for the good of a nation some financially unprofitable books.

Canada a Small Country

One reason for this is that Canada is a small country with only about ten million English-speaking people. We don't read as much as British or Scandinavian people. At the same time there is a growing hunger for books here, and an increasing demand for Canadian titles both in the United States and Great Britain. Since the war a new nationalism has stimulated pride and interest in things Canadian, at home and abroad.

The Ryerson Press has, for example, just published a new book, *Arctic Bride,* by Wanda Tolbloom. It is expected to sell 3,500 here; but it has been arranged to publish it in both America and England. That is the sort of book which interests readers abroad greatly.

Actually Ryerson is the largest Canadian publisher of Canadian books, with from 40 to 65 new titles each year. McClelland & Stewart, Macmillans and Clarke, Irwin are also substantial publishers of Canadian books.

Churches make their impact in many ways. The congregation with its ministry of preaching, teaching, and Sacraments touches the spiritual life deeply. Colleges and Universities influence the educational life of a whole nation as well as the church people. Medical missions contribute a healing ministry but as well may promote research and general health. And the publishing of books and periodicals affects the cultural as well as religious life.

While these influences may not be departmentalized, there is a sense in which publishing will make an impact on a nation's life that will be left almost untouched by the other ministries.

Most great Churches have been helped along their way to greatness by their publishing houses: Westminster (Presbyterian), Epworth and Abingdon (Methodist), Augsburg and Muhlenberg (Lutheran), Seabury (Episcopal), are all familiar imprints on great books of this continent.

Ryerson is the imprint of The United Church Publishing House. *The Hymnary, The Book of Common Order,* and many religious books and publications have the mark of The United Church Publishing House on them. But the trade name, Ryerson, is stamped on most of the fiction, secular books, school texts, general non-fiction published by the Church. Some would question the value of these, but those who are acquainted in the University and cultural circles of the nation see this as one of the great contributions of the United Church.

Of Significance

While Canadians are not considered great readers, this country is of great significance to the book publishing world. We are exposed to more books, indirectly, at least, than any other people in the English-speaking world. Into this country the great streams of written English flow. In the U.S.A. about 14,000 titles are published a year; in Great Britain about 18,000; in the Commonwealth countries another 3,000. Some 35,000 new books of all kinds are available to us each year.

Only a few of the British books come to the attention of the Americans and vice versa. But most of them will come our way if we want them. Actually we have only six or seven hundred public libraries in the country and only about fifty good book stores.

Rev. C. H. Dickinson, D.D., The Book Steward of The United Church of Canada

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Traditionally Ryerson has sold more imported than Canadian books. This still holds but the balance is shifting. Libraries and stores which once ordered Canadian books out of patriotism now seek them with a healthy sense of cupidity.

All publishers are criticized by authors and their friends for turning down the opportunity to publish a book. Ryerson has rejected books which other publishers handled later with success. It works the other way, too. *We Keep a Light* by Evelyn Richardson was turned down by one top-flight Canadian publisher. Ryerson later won the Governor-General's award with it. It went into five editions and has been published in both the U.S.A. and Great Britain.

Trouble and Dangers

A Church which enters the publishing business runs many risks. It exposes itself to the criticism of the uninformed, those who say it should make money and those who say it should not. Some will criticize because Sunday School Publications operate at a profit, for they ask "Why should money be made out of the Sunday Schools?" Others are critical if they publish something at a loss. "Why should it be subsidized?" Prices may seem too high; discounts too low; mail service (and the Publishing House sends six tons a day through the mails) seems too slow.

There are those who don't like to see a Church bargaining with Unions. (The United Church Publishing House is completely unionized.) And others feel, as we do, that it is a good thing for the Church to have to become involved in such things. Then it may speak with a more restrained and understanding voice about the problems which Unions and Management face, in a time when each struggles for a fair share of the products of labour, skill, mind and talent.

Church people are familiar with the Publishing House for its Sunday School papers and lesson helps, THE OBSERVER, *The Missionary Monthly,* and the more or less official publications. These run into the millions each month. The total business is about $5 million. The profits, which are understandably small, for much is done at a loss, go to the Pension Fund of the Church.

Right now circulation of most publications is rising. There is a vigorous new interest in Canadian publications and a heartening search for religious books. High financial rewards for authors and publishers are elusive. The contribution to life and thought and faith are immense. ●

A wry rebuke in a College classroom . . . led to a life-long interest in Canadian literature . . . purchase of *The Oxford Book of Canadian Verse* . . . led to a Collection of Canadiana . . . a young lecturer at the Montreal Conference, enthusing his Methodist listeners . . . led to appointment as Editor . . . a love of people and understanding of his native land . . . led to the authorship of many books . . .

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DR. LORNE PIERCE
Editor, The Ryerson Press

Our Story is About

LORNE PIERCE—MAN OF LETTERS

By C. H. DICKINSON
The Book Steward

ALMOST fifty years ago the remnant of a once large class in Honour English at Queen's University, Kingston, was sitting through the last lecture of the last course in the last year under Dean James Cappon. He was a craggy, forthright Scot, who at that time had little appreciation of any literature arising out of the New World.

Lorne Pierce was one of the students, and at this last opportunity dared to ask a question. Was there any Canadian writer whom they should know, who interpreted Canadian life from a Canadian point of view? The Dean replied with a quotation from *The Ballads of Blasphemous Bill* by Robert W. Service, which ended with the phrase . . . "it didn't matter a damn," and strode out of the room.

Young Pierce strode out also and headed for a Bookshop to ask for a book by a Canadian author. He bought a red Morocco-bound copy of *The Oxford Book of Canadian Verse,* edited by William Wilfred Campbell. Later he gave this to his wife, Edith Chown, and on it they built the outstanding collection of Canadiana now housed at Queen's. The book marked also the beginning of Dr. Pierce's career of devotion to all things Canadian.

While Lorne Pierce is thought of by most Canadians as a distinguished scholar who moves with grace in the higher echelons of the literary world, he seems to think of himself first as a minister of the Church. From childhood, things literary and religious went together. Bedtime stories for the Pierce children in their Delta, Ontario, home were from the Bible and the Classics.

His father was a hardware merchan Life was secure and comfortable. Mr Pierce was a lively, intelligent woman. Th introduction to their stories was: "I thin you'll like this," and with that she too them on excursions through the fields c art, music, and literature, where she wa widely acquainted.

Missionary and Minister

After Queen's Lorne Pierce took theolog at Victoria, won scholarships and studie at Union Theological Seminary in Ne York. He took an M.A. from New Yor University, too, and an S.T.D. from Wes leyan College, Montreal, having writte his thesis on the surprising subject "Th Contribution of Russian Literature t Religious Experience." During 35 years c editorial work he has continually surprise his friends by his familiarity with a wid range of subjects.

As a student missionary in Souther Saskatchewan he became lost in a prairi blizzard, and suffered such a freezing tha his hearing was permanently impaired. Fo the sake of others similarly affected h helped found the organization now know as The Canadian Hearing Society.

He was the minister of St. Jame Church, Ottawa, when he resigned hi pulpit to enlist in the ranks during Worl War I, and is rather courteously boastfu of the fact that he became a Sergeant.

NINE NEW RYERSON BOOKS *Photo by A. J. Wilson*

The Publishing House of the Methodist Church had appointed a Commission to search for a new editor. The members planned in 1920 to take a tour across the country to seek one. Lorne Pierce that year had been asked to deliver the annual lecture to the Theological Union of the Montreal Conference, an honour normally reserved for older men. He lectured on Russian Literature, and was accorded a tremendous standing ovation.

The Commission was so impressed that the youthful lecturer was invited to become Editor. Pierce accepted, and the members of the Commission having had their trip shortened went home.

He has spent his life quietly encouraging authors, and artists, and poets, who feel that they have something to contribute to the interpretation of Canadian life and tradition. Many a Canadian writer has at some time received a reassuring nod, or a sympathetic letter, or a kindly criticism from him. He declares that he almost lost the affection of his family by working so late into the nights, completing correspondence or reading manuscripts—manuscripts by the hod-load, as he describes them. And in order to ensure that appropriate aid and encouragement to deserving persons should be continued, he was largely responsible for establishing The Canadian Writers' Foundation, a fund to assist authors who may be some time in need.

Prodigious Writer

He himself has been a prodigious writer. He has written the biographies of half a dozen Canadians of literary stature. He compiled the only anthology of Canadian Literature, French and English; he wrote and distributed privately the *Beverley Papers,* ten brochures on Canadian literary affairs; and has written a definitive outline of the Development of Canadian literature for the forthcoming *Encyclopaedia of Canada.* One cannot list here all the Introductions and Prefaces and all the Editorial contributions which he has made to a variety of publications. We wish that he would yet set down for our enjoyment his pungent anecdotes, and his memoirs of encounters, humorous and otherwise, with people of all sorts.

In all his work he was greatly assisted by Mrs. Pierce, who shared his devotion to excellence. The Collection of Canadiana at Queen's is to be maintained in perpetuity by the Edith Chown Trust. They established the Edith and Lorne Pierce Scholarship at Victoria University for graduate study in Church History, using the Archives of the United Church. Dr. Pierce has been Chairman of the Archives Committee of the General Council for several years. Together they planned and donated a beautiful chancel window in the Chapel of their Church, St. George's in Toronto. Mrs. Pierce prepared an important brochure on another of their lively interests: *Canadian Glass, a Footnote to History.* And together they have made presentations to the Art Gallery and the Royal Ontario Museum. Mrs. Pierce died in 1954.

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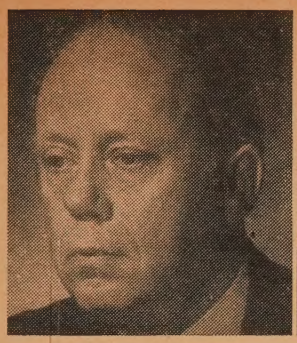

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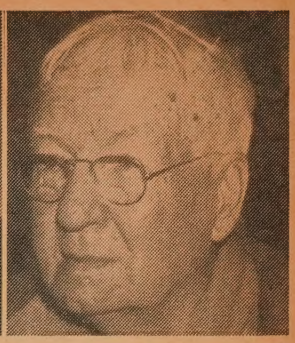

C. T. Currelly, author of "I Brought the Ages Home"

Through the years many honours have fallen upon Lorne Pierce. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from United College, Winnipeg; LL.D. degrees came from Queen's and the University of New Brunswick; while to mark Dr. Pierce's contribution to the furtherance of English-French Canadian understanding, the University of Montreal, and Laval University, Quebec, conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters. When Queen Elizabeth II was crowned, Dr. Pierce received a Canadian medal. Last year he was given the National Award in Letters from the University of Alberta for a lifetime of distinguished literary service. Dr. Pierce is also one of seven United Church ministers who are Fellows of the Royal Society of Canada.

The Ryerson Press, as a Canadian book publishing imprint, is an enduring record to Dr. Pierce's lifetime of literary toil and leadership. His primary concern has been that it should prosper—prosper in the sense of symbolizing the best that could be published in all the categories of Canadian thought and writing; that it should continue the tradition of its founder, Egerton Ryerson, who championed educational and religious freedom in our land, and who organized our Elementary School System. Dr. Pierce has edited the series of School Readers known as *The Canada Books of Prose and Verse,* and many other textbooks for Public and High Schools.

Church Leadership

He has been anxious always that The Publishing House should represent the leadership of the Church in Canada, not alone in the official publishing of required religious materials, or in strictly theological thought, but in wider educational and cultural realms. He obtained for Canada collaboration in publishing the distinguished series of books on Canadian - American Relations sponsored by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. The House has published a large number of volumes for the Canadian Institute of International Affairs. The Ryerson list has included books in all the categories of fiction, travel, biography, poetry, art, public affairs, humour, religion, ranging from such titles as *The Canadian Cook Book* and the prize humour of Eric Nicol to the autobiography of the founder of The Royal Ontario Museum, entitled *I Brought the Ages Home,* and *The Christian Church in Canada* by Prof. H. H. Walsh of McGill.

The United Church of Canada through its Publishing House has made a lasting contribution to the record of the Canadian scene. Even more than that, it has *created* much of the Canadian tradition by providing the means of expression of the life and thought of the people. In that Dr. Lorne Pierce has been both a pioneer and a prophet. He would prefer to be called a "ploughman." ● (*Over*)

Sam Slick himself. Illustration from the book "Sam Slick In Pictures"

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Sam Slick In Pictures

By Thomas Chandler Haliburton, and illustrated by C. W. Jefferys. (Toronto: The Ryerson Press.) $4.00.

Reviewed by Frank Archibald.

G. K. Chesterton would surely have been in ecstasies over this book, for didn't he say somewhere that what matters in our reading is not so much the various "strictures," as rather only that which can be embodied in varied "pictures"? Well, here are the pictures, or rather, better than that, the drawings, one hundred of them, full page, with captions to correspond. The artist was the late Dr. C. W. Jefferys, and his drawings, which were done forty years ago, illustrate "the best of the humour of Thomas Chandler Haliburton." And, really, how magnificently he did it!

Even were there room, it would hardly be fair, for instance, to divulge how Sam Slick, with generous applications of "soft sawder," proceeds to sell the clock to Deacon Flint, the corresponding picture on the opposite page making the whole clever transaction more vivid than ever. Nor would it be fair to tell the story of the meeting of Sam Slick and Daniel Webster, with the corresponding definitions of "active soft sawder, and passive soft sawder." The pictures are masterly. Not only do they catch the "detail" of the story; even more important, they catch the "feel" of the story. And the picture backgrounds are so true to the period. Take that drawing, for instance, on page 127—the old rocking chair, the bejewelled royal picture (is it Queen Victoria?), even the old "sampler" on the wall, still occasionally to be seen in Maritime homes.

Dr. Lorne Pierce writes the introduction, describing, as it were, the marriage of the writings and the pictures. It is a romantic story, just of itself, hardly one less whit interesting than the book.

So, for all true lovers of Sam Slick—and surely their name is Legion — of his "wise saws" and clever sayings, of his incisive insights into what he loves to call "human natur," surely this book, published now a century and more later, is indeed, a "must." All this, and the pictures, too!

Pine Roots

By Gladys Taylor. (Toronto: The Ryerson Press.) $3.75.

Reviewed by Dorothy Dumbrille.

This is the winning book of The Ryerson All-Canada Fiction Award. The author chooses as her background the country she knows best, the Swan River district in Manitoba. She now lives in Thetford Mines, Quebec.

We find the story opening with the arrival of young Harry Trelawney and his young and delicate wife, Mary, to hew for themselves a home out of the wilderness. Mary hates the forest but Harry is a fine, honest man who endears himself to everyone he meets and who soon has established himself as the outstanding man of the settlement. Mary finally, through her own mistakes and her love of the children, learns to live with the trees she has hated. We find here the conflict between Indian and white man and the problems which arise through intermarriage, told in an exciting and fascinating way which holds us to the book right through to the end. Perhaps some of the flash-backs may prove confusing as the time element might have been handled more skillfully but the story is strong enough to overcome this handicap.

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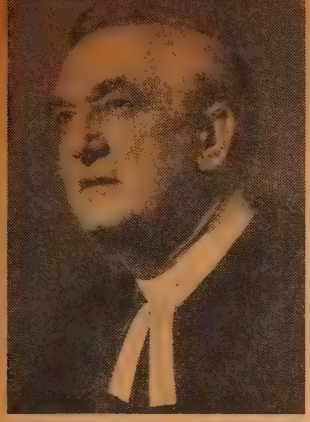

WHAT DO PREACHERS GET PAID?

By A. C. FORREST

Everybody says that preachers are underpaid. This article gives the facts. The highest (1955) salary for a United Church minister was $14,000, plus a free furnished house and car allowance. The typical salary is $2,900; the lowest go to women missionaries overseas

Part I

(Part II will appear in December 1st issue)

IT SEEMS to be taken for granted that ministers are inadequately paid. A recent article in *Life* entitled, "Why Ministers Are Breaking Down," said: "It is true that in every section of the country ministers are woefully underpaid." This is written about the United States, but the fact is true for Canada.

However, the piece went on to say: ". . . the national level of ministers' income has risen in recent years. . . It is not unusual these days for a young minister to start in his first parish with a salary of $4,500 plus a rent-free house."

With that, the similarity to Canada ended. $4,500 for a newly-ordained minister would not only be unusual; it would be incredible. Young ordinands starting in their first parish in the United Church this year are supposed to get the minimum salary, $3,000, a free furnished house, and car allowance; the latter is usually about $400 for a three-point rural charge. The minimum for unmarried ordinands is $2,800 and for lay preachers it is $200 lower.

THE OBSERVER believes it would be helpful to publish a survey of the salary situation in Canada. The statistics are official, from *The United Church of Canada Year Book,* secured from congregational reports for 1955. It is probable that many of these figures should be up-graded for 1956.

We are working on the assumption, for which we have some evidence, that United Church ministers on the whole are better paid than most Protestant clergy. We will be glad to have this refuted.

The Wide Spread

United Church salaries vary from the $14,000, plus free furnished house, paid the senior minister of Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, Toronto, down to the typical $2,900 paid scores of rural ministers, right down to the $1,500 paid a Missionary medical doctor in India by the Woman's Missionary Society.

Very few churches approach the matter in the spirit of Eaton Memorial, which has some sort of a professional appreciation of their minister's position of leadership. Two other United Church congregations have five-figure stipends. St. James, Montreal, provides a $10,000 salary, plus house; Erskine and American, Montreal, gives a $10,000 salary, without the house.

The Eaton Memorial manse is valued in the *Year Book* at $65,000, and the value of the furniture is officially estimated at $10,000.

The lowest salaries are paid overseas missionaries, but this subject will be dealt with fully next issue. There are many financial compensations which must be considered. The lowest *real* salaries in the United Church are paid by some of the theological colleges to their very able young professors, who must supply their own houses, and couldn't afford to drive a car.

The highest individual salaries are paid in the big churches of the central cities, Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, and London. Toronto Centre Presbytery CITY churches have the highest average for Canada, $5,140.

Highest Average

While Toronto Centre's 28 city churches average $5,140, the whole Presbytery is $4,520. Toronto West ministers average $3,670; Toronto East, $3,530. These do not include the mission charges or tiny churches with student or retired supply, but only those with a full-time man paying at least the minimum.

For the purposes of this survey, unless otherwise stated, figures will refer only to salary, and assume that there is a furnished house and car allowance extra. However, many churches and some ministers still speak of car allowance as part of salary. This dates from the time ministers had to ask that their salaries be reduced by the amount of a car allowance in order to be able to secure a fair deduction for income tax purposes. Despite the fact that the average minister uses a car extensively in his work, many congregations mentally lump the two sums. We don't.

Salaries in the West

The salaries in Western Canada are lower than in Ontario, but better than in the East. One church in Vancouver, St. Andrew's-Wesley, pays over $6,000. The average for the 28 Vancouver urban churches is $3,600. The top salary in Victoria is $5,000.

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by Central, Calgary, $8,000, and Robertson, Edmonton, $6,800. Knox and Wesley in Calgary pay $5,100, and $4,800. Three other Edmonton churches are in the $5,000 and above category.

Saskatchewan salaries are low: The top in Saskatoon is $4,500, and in Regina, Knox-Metropolitan with 1,667 members has a stipend of $4,700. In Winnipeg, Knox stipend is $5,250 and Westminster $6,125. Most other Winnipeg salaries are lower than for churches of similar size in the East.

In Ontario

Hamilton, Ontario, has two charges paying salaries of $6,000, and a number over $5,000. In Ottawa the Chalmer's salary is $6,700, and a number are in the $5,000 to $6,000 group. London's Metropolitan and First-St. Andrew's list stipends of $7,700.

Newfoundland's salaries are understandably low. Three of the St. John's churches, which have very fine buildings, and large congregations, pay over $4,000. But throughout the Island the minimum salary or less is usual. Bonavista, a large church holding 2,000 worshippers, paid its minister $2,800 last year. The *Year Book* indicates that no duplex envelopes are used there. Up until now $2,800 and a free house has been a superior income in Bonavista.

It must be remembered that money has been scarce there for a long time, and much of the economy has been worked through trade, and kind. Newfoundland is changing but old customs still prevail in church financing.

The top salary in Prince Edward Island is paid by the large 2,176 member church at Charlottetown, $3,900. The travel allowance there is generous, however, $1,100. St. John's, Moncton, pays $5,200, the largest in the Maritimes; St. Andrew's, Halifax, comes next with $5,000. The typical rural salary last year was $2,800.

It is well-known that *Year Book* statistics are not quite complete; some charges pay minister's fuel bills, book allowances and gifts at Christmas, which may not appear as salary. Others where the salary may seem larger provide manses which are expensive to heat, and give inadequate travel allowances.

For Retirement

Some of the churches, a few of the larger and wealthier congregations also purchase annuities for their ministers, for United Church pensions have been inadequate for ministers who go into retirement without substantial savings. Most do.

The Pension Fund has made dramatic improvement in recent years and the future for retiring ministers will be much better.

A survey of statistics shows that a great many churches, most of them in rural Canada, fail to reach even the minimum. It is also true that many city churches pay only the minimum which proves quite inadequate for the life of a city minister.

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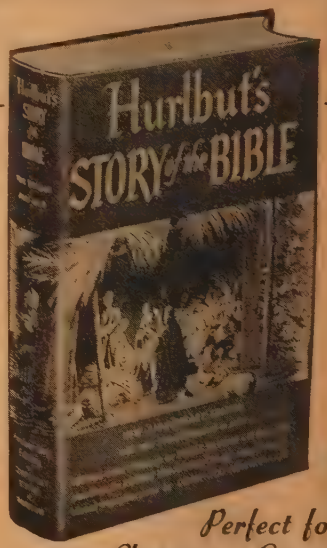

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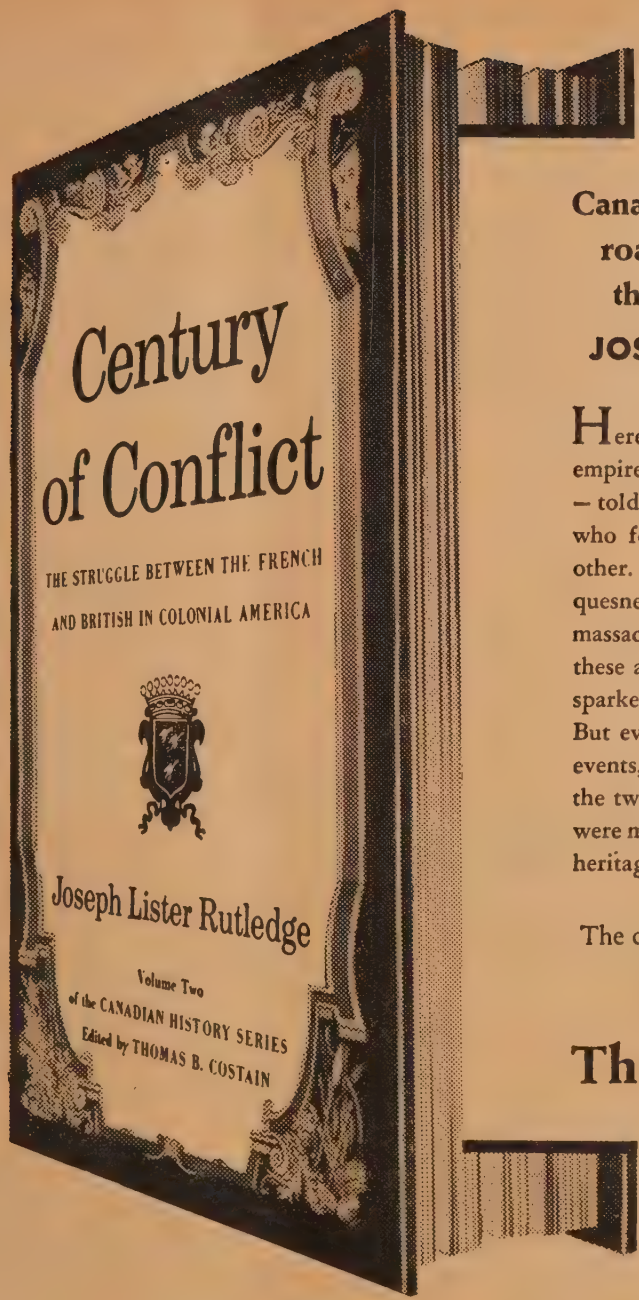

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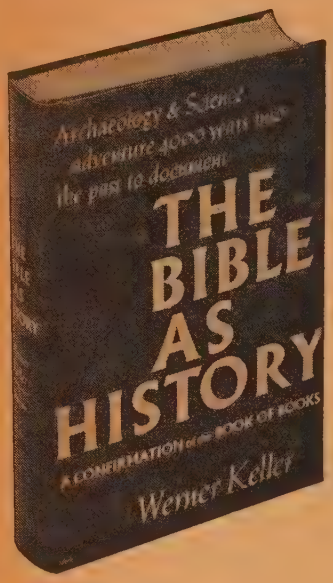

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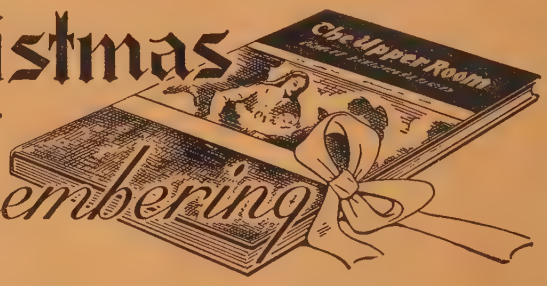

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By J. A. DAVIDSON

In this age of the paper bound book it is hard to realiz that the pioneer of such pub lishing in the English-speakin world, Penguin Books Ltd., ha only just come of age. The firs Penguins and Pelicans appeare in 1935, and marked the beginning of revolution in publishing. The firm is stil the leader in quality and comprehensive ness, and, I think, in price. Penguin bega publishing at the time when I as a teenage began buying books of my own, and I stil have on my shelves the original A-1 an A-2 of the Pelicans, the two volumes o Bernard Shaw's *The Intelligent Woman' Guide to Socialism, etc.*, which cost m fifteen cents each. And I have been buyin and reading Penguins and Pelicans eve since.

Earlier Pelicans were Charles Gore's *Belief in God,* R. H. Tawney on *Religion and the Rise of Capitalism* (still available at 35 cents), William Temple's *Christianity and Social Order,* and the war-time symposium edited by William Temple, *Is Chris Divided? Civilization, Science and Religion* by A. D. Ritchie, is a classic in its field and it is a pity that it is out of print.

At present a number of excellent theological Pelicans are available. S. C. Carpenter's *Christianity* and Stephen Neill's *Christian Faith Today* are among the most adequate introductions to our religion that I know: the first one takes the historical approach, and the second the doctrinal and apologetic. Stanley Cook has written a valuable *Introduction to the Bible* (50 cents); and W. F. Albright's *The Archaeology of Palestine* will be of interest to all serious students of the Bible.

Dr. E. V. Rieu has produced an excellent translation of *The Four Gospels* (60 cents), and it is now widely accepted as one of the more adequate modern versions.

Comparative Religion seems to have become a rather fashionable study recently, and I understand that books on this subject are now selling rather well. Penguin is pre-eminent in this field. In 1941 the firm brought out a book, *Comparative Religion,* by the Cambridge scholar, A. C. Bouquet; it has been reprinted many times, and is now generally considered *the* standard short study of its subject in English. It now costs 60 cents. In 1954 Dr. Bouquet prepared a companion volume, *Sacred Books of the World* (80 cents). There is no better introduction to comparative religion available than these two books. There are also recent Pelicans on *Islam* (by Alfred Guillaume, at 80 cents) and *Buddhism* (by Christian Humphreys, at 60 cents): these are sympathetic studies of the history and present status of these religions. The Chinese scholar, Liu Wu-Chi, has written *A Short History of Confucian Philosophy* (60 cents).

And now J. M. Allegro, a young English scholar, has written on *The Dead Sea Scrolls.* Already this has provoked controversy. Allegro's assessment of the significance of the scrolls for the Christian faith seems to differ from that of most of the other investigators.

DO YOU KNOW . . . ?

Christmas Book Review Section

What the reviewers are saying? . . . what are the latest publications? . . . read and select . . . make your Christmas Gifts – Books

he Unicorn and Other Poems

By Anne Morrow Lindbergh. (Toronto: McClelland & Stewart, Ltd.) $3.00.

Reviewed by J. Sheridan Bole.

In this seemingly bright little volume of oems the author has put into lines of eater or lesser length the same philosophy life she set forth in her very popular book, *ift From the Sea.* Here we have the same arch for balance and security and accept- ice but not in lucid prose. Here her style more intricate, her expression more volved; and while poetry is an interpreta- on of life, this interpretation cannot be lled poetical. But there are choice poems the volume, poems in which the author tches some fugitive moment of feeling or me intimation of a haunting beauty and prisons it in words. In *Family Album* e looks at an old picture of her father and other and very successfully captures a lationship both fugitive and memorable. he writes:

And I who gaze at you. . . .
I am your child, staring at you with eyes
Of love and grief for parents who have died,"

nd then fuses this feeling with one of licitude,

I am your mother watching far ahead,
Seeing events so clearly now they're gone;
I long to tell you starting on your quest
'You'll do it all, you know, you'll meet the test.'
Mother compassionate and child bereft I am.
I am the past and present. . . .
Fused by one flicker of a camera lens
Some stranger snapped in laughter. . . ."

This "one-and-only" moment is beautifully aptured also in the poem, *No Angels.*

"You think there are no angels anymore—
Our revelations come
By telephone, or postman at the door,
You say—
No angels anymore, you say, . .
But a single bud of quince,
Flowering out of season on the day
She died,
Cracked suddenly across a porcelain world."

Thirty-four poems in all, written from 1935-1955, comprise the book, arranged in six sections: *Love, Death, Captive Spirit, The Unicorn, Open Sky,* and *Wind of Time.* In these she expresses the current sense of insecurity and lostness and frustration; and those who are of the school of T. S. Eliot will find here exemplification of the truth that modern man—and woman—is frustrated by frustrations. In spite of this there is an intimacy of feeling and a loveliness of thought enshrined in these poems; and if you are one of the many who pick up this sheaf of modern poems, you will find delight freshened by the author's power to put into words the beauty and the pathos of life's more fugitive yet memorable moments.

The Wings of Night

By Thomas Raddall. (Toronto: Doubleday Publishers.) $4.25.

Reviewed by A. C. Forrest.

We've liked Raddall ever since his *Roger Sudden* and *His Majesty's Yankees.* We could have sat out *The Nymph and the Lamp,* but we moved along fast with this last well-paced tale of post-war Maritime life. But lately we feel ourselves annoyed at the author when we turn the last page. It is probably a compliment to him, but for over four years we have wondered how the nymph was making out down there among the sands and ponies with her blind telegrapher husband on a forsaken Atlantic Island. And when his latest creations go off to Montreal *On the Wings of The Night* we couldn't help wonder how they made the trip on that monotonous train, and how are they getting along anyway? It's a good story; there is some bright satire. If one is interested at all in the Maritimes (and who isn't, for some good books come from down there?) it helps him understand a little why the bright boys and girls are bright, and why they keep going off and getting Ph.D.'s and jobs in Boston and Upper Canada. Chapter 17 could be lifted right out of the book; it would go as a good short-story in a Canadian reader.

An Historian's Approach to Religion

By Arnold Toynbee. (Toronto: Oxford University Press.) $5.00.

Reviewed by Ralph C. Chalmers.

This book is the Gifford Lectures of 1952 and 1953. The author, who is the most distinguished historian of our time, here deals with religion in its broad aspects.

Toynbee dismisses the "worship of nature" in all its forms as inferior. He also has no place for religions of man-worship, whether of the individual or collective variety. For him the only religions that count are the "higher religions" which look to a supreme Reality other than man or nature.

The author believes that Western civilization has become secularized and now idolizes the technician. Only by this civilization recapturing its vital spiritual origins can it regain its strength.

There is much in this book that is stimulating and provocative. However, Toynbee's views will be the centre of controversy for

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years to come. He is an eclectic who classifies Christianity as one of the "higher religions" but by no means supreme or unique with respect to the apprehension of Truth. He makes a great deal of the statement of Symmachus that "the heart of so great a mystery cannot ever be reached by following one road alone." We are led to ask why?

As in his *Study of History,* Toynbee in this book appears to make some very sweeping conclusions based upon a few facts. However, he is a writer with whom we have to reckon, for the breadth of his mind and the penetration of his thought will stir the reader to re-think some of his basic assumptions about life and religion.

. . . And The Rain My Drink

By Han Suyin. (Toronto: Clarke, Irwin & Co.) $3.25.

Reviewed by E. L. Homewood.

The name of Han Suyin is not new to literature. Her last work, *A Many Splendoured Thing,* became a best-seller and is still enjoying world-wide success.

Her new book is vastly different from her other writings. It could be another success or its sales could be mediocre. We wouldn't want to predict the future of this work, for it is a good story but has several weaknesses.

The book's dust-cover says this is a story of modern Malaya as seen through the eyes of an impartial observer. "Han Suyin's unique experiences enable her to read the heart of every human element in that strange mixture of races which make up Malaya today. The problem there presents itself to her in all its poignancy. She sees the good intentions as well as the stupidities exhibited on all its sides."

With that we would agree. She sees and tells of the many obstacles in the long climb from colonialism to independence, the terrorism of communism in the State of Johore, and the thoughts of the people as they ". . . walk between two terrors, the jungle and the police — between fire and water. . . ."

It is all told dramatically, sympathetically, with a sense of the value and fitness of words, and with a slight trace of humour. The author's remarkable gifts of description almost make scenes real.

But there are weaknesses. One of them is the extremely large number of characters introduced. The story centres around a young British police officer and an attractive girl informer. The oriental names of most of the other 55 or more characters sometimes confuses the reader, and he finds himself leafing back through the pages to see who is who. Unusually long sentences and paragraphs also confuse at times. Some sentences constitute an entire paragraph and cover a half-page. The descriptive language is unique and beautiful, but an overabundance of words in one capsule seems to dull appreciative senses.

Considering all, however, . . . *And The Rain My Drink* is a good story well told. After reading it, one can understand and appreciate, if only a little, the feelings of Asiatic peoples as they strive to solve their peculiar problems through whatever form of democracy or government seems best to them at the time.

About People

"Archibald the Arctic"

By Archibald Lang Fleming. (Toronto: J. Reginald Saunders & Co., Ltd.) $5.0

Reviewed by A. A. Scott.

The Autobiography of Archibald Lan Fleming, the Flying Bishop of the Arcti is a thrilling story of adventures for "d Cross in the Arctic regions of Canada—tal of peril from disease and famine, of dang on ice floes, of hardship and sufferin because of intense cold, of disappointmen because of the non-arrival of the reli vessel, of even more poignant anguish whe the long-expected ship arrived without ar of the mail and parcels which had been s eagerly awaited, of loneliness and disillusion ment which were the lot of everyday lif But through them all there runs the re strand of courage and resolution which mad the life of the author a truly great one.

When he heard the call to go and giv his life in the service of the Eskimo in th Arctic Circle, without hesitation he sacrifice all his prospects, which were brilliant, an prepared himself for a life which promise neither distinction nor comfort, and for th greater part of the remainder of his li (except for a few brief interludes on accou of ill-health) he lived and worked amon the primitive people of Baffin Land and th islands to the north of Canada, about whic Canadians as a whole know so little. Bisho Fleming says quite plainly that he was neve

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Books For Children

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By Eleanor Frances Lattimore. (Toronto: The Macmillan Co. of Canada, Ltd.) $2.00.

Three stories reviewed by Margaret G. Wilson.

Little Pear lives with his mother and father, two big sisters and a little brother in a small Chinese village. Little Pear wants to be a farmer like his father, so on his very first visit to the fair Little Pear buys two rabbits. The amazing results of his purchase is the climax of the story and the story will delight all young readers of the book.

Little Kitten, Big World

By Victor and *Jeanne Baldwin.* (Toronto: George J. McLeod, Ltd.) $2.35.

Here is a charming picture story book for the very young child. Tiny tots will love both the pictures and story of this fluffy, mischievous, lovable little Siamese kitten.

A Room For Cathy

By Catherine Woolley. (Toronto: George J. McLeod, Ltd.) $3.00.

It was a wonderful occasion when the Leonards moved from their crowded apartment to the house in the country. Cathy's day dreams became realities only to vanish when it became necessary to share their home with others. However, sharing the home meant new friends, new experiences, and a new awakening for Cathy. It is a perfect story for the nine and ten-year-old girls which will place it high on the list of popular stories for children.

Pigeons and Princesses

By James Reeves. (Toronto: British Book Service [Canada] Ltd.) $2.25.

Reviewed by J. H. Arnup.

A book of delightful short stories for children and all who are young enough in heart to believe in the Little People. (That includes this reviewer.) The book is well gotten up, the stories are well-written, and the illustrations really illustrate.

Enid Blyton's Bible Stories

(Toronto: S. J. Reginald Saunders.) $1.85.

Reviewed by K. J. Beaton.

Enid Blyton is one of England's best story-tellers. In this book she gives a child's version of four stories from the Old Testament and four from the New. They can be understood by Primary children and read for themselves by Juniors. The illustrations in three colours add to childish interest. Parents in need of story material should examine this little book.

YOUNG CANADA BOOK WEEK

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The Reindeer Twins

By Jane Tompkins. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $3.25.

Four books reviewed by Helen Wilson.

Children love animals! Another good animal book is always welcome. This story, about playful little reindeer twins, is told in a very natural way, and is instructive without sacrificing the story. It will fascinate the 8-12-year-olds, and the illustrations by Kurt Wiese will add to the child's enjoyment of the book.

Black Fox of Lorne

By Marguerite de Angeli. (Toronto: Doubleday Publishers.) $3.50.

Marguerite de Angeli needs no introduction to boys and girls. A Newbery prize winner in 1950, she has continued to be one of the most popular of contemporary writers for children. This tale of Scottish border warfare in the tenth century is most dramatically and simply told. The ingenuity of the two heroes, twin brothers, the mystery and suspense will certainly satisfy the desire of the teen-age boy for excitement. Her accurate knowledge of Scottish history, of methods of warfare, of even the terrain, gives authenticity to the story, and the illustrations by the author herself are a great addition.

"Levko"

By Anne MacMillan. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $2.75.

This is the story of a little D.P. lad from the Ukraine, a frightened, suspicious little waif, who came to live with his cousins in Saskatchewan. His reticence and lack of confidence led to many exciting and dramatic episodes, full of suspense and mystery. Through the kindness, patience and understanding of his Canadian relatives, Levko finally tells his story and explains his many disappearances. Teen-agers will enjoy the story and indirectly learn of the struggle of the D.P.'s to adjust to Canadian life.

Insects and Their World

By Carroll Lane Fenton and *Dorothy Pallas.* (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $3.50.

The world of nature: birds, insects, and animals, is fascinating to young children. Carroll Fenton has made the complicated life of insects simple and intensely interesting to the young child. The life cycle, the metamorphosis, the unusual characteristics of various insects will intrigue boys and girls from 8-12 years of age. It is an excellent, scientific book with abundant illustrations in black and white.

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a scholar, nor a theologian, but one thing he could, and did, do—he sincerely loved the Eskimo people, and "grappled them to his soul with hoops of steel." He constantly refers to them as "these dear people," and his sincerity in so referring to them is obvious. After spending many years in Mission service among them, he was appointed Archdeacon of the Arctic, in which capacity he served under four different Bishops at the same time—a very anomalous position. Finally, the anomaly was recognized, and portions of the diocese of each of these Bishops were taken and united into a new bishopric (covering 2,750,000 square miles) of which he was put in charge, and so he became "Archibald the Arctic." His life is a practical example of the truth of the words, "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it, but whosoever will lose his life for My sake, the same shall save it."

Never A Day So Bright

By Kate Aitken. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) Paper, $1.98; cloth, $3.50.
Reviewed by Dorothy Dumbrille.

Kate Aitken needs no introduction to Canadian readers; her highly popular broadcasts over radio are heard twice daily throughout the week. She served as Women's Editor of *The Montreal Standard* from 1941 to 1951, and acted as Women's Director of the Canadian National Exhibition for fourteen years.

In *Never A Day So Bright,* Kate Aitken recalls her childhood and youth as Katy Scott, daughter of Robert Scott, a country store-keeper in the village of Beeton, Ont. The Scott children numbered five boys and two girls who did the usual things children enjoyed some fifty years ago: berry-picking, hitching rides on farmers' sleighs, swimming in the old swimming hole, putting on concerts in the community hall, where the platform was so narrow that some of the small performers fell into the audience, playing pranks on Hallowe'en, and sliding down hills in winter.

While some books with this nostalgic trend are sad, this one sparkles with wit and is filled with unforgettable characters which remind us of those we all have known within our own experience.

This book has a refreshing and wholesome quality which we predict will make it more than popular.

The Man Who Lived Twice

By Eric Wollencott Barnes. (Toronto: S. J. Reginald Saunders Co., Ltd.) $6.50.
Reviewed by A. J. Wilson.

At thirty years of age, Edward Sheldon, the subject of this biography, had reached the top of his profession as actor, playwright and author. He was a controversial figure who had introduced a new note into American plays. While the critics debated, the public in New York, Paris and London crowded the theatres months on end to see the plays. Still in his thirties he was stricken with arthritis. His body became rigid, he lost his sight. But his mind remained active, his imagination sensitive and his love of people intense and deep. His apartment in New York became the Mecca for the great and the aspiring. Among those who visited him were Lord and Lady Tweedsmuir. The Governor General of Canada maintained his correspondence with Sheldon until Tweedsmuir's death. From Sheldon's sick bed, through a secretary, went letters of encouragement to beginners, criticism to aspiring actors and authors, notes of sympathy over the telephone, telegraph, or by letter. The list of those with whom he kept contact through the years looks like a march past of the great and the near great in the arts and letters of Europe and America during the past thirty years. The choice of biographer was a happy one. Barnes has written with understanding and sympathy and subdued emotion. The book is a moving record of the life of a brilliant poet, writer and actor. It displays the triumph of the spirit over adversity and physical handicaps. It will for many years encourage those who are the victims of circumstance and ill health; inspire writers and poets and put to flight the fears of the dispirited and despairing.

"Jawaharlal Nehru"

By Frank Moraes. (New York: The Macmillan Co.; Toronto: Brett-Macmillan Co.) $6.75.
Reviewed by A. A. Scott.

This is a political biography, and it might almost as well have been entitled *"The History of the Struggle for Independence in India"* as *"The Life of Jawaharlal Nehru,"* for Jawaharlal was so identified with the movement that its history is his own. The writer is Frank Moraes, Editor of *The Times of India,* an Indian and a Roman Catholic, so one can feel sure that the book gives us the Indian point of view. Occasionally one may feel that it is not altogether fair to the British angle of approach to the great question of *Swaraj* (self-government), but, on the whole, it strikes a reader, the period of whose career in India was practically identical with the rise, development and fruition of the movement for self-government, as being exceedingly fair, and very well informed.

The writer undoubtedly is an admirer of Nehru, but he is not uncritical of him. He sees his weaknesses, and indicates how at

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ilment of his purposes. There is a ulance. and a certain impatience with position which sometimes make him a her difficult man with whom to work. ere is also a reluctance to share responility with others, and a tendency to carry rdens on his own shoulders which might divided. And there is a definite trace of ocracy in many of his attitudes. Neverless, he is a very human person, with a eat love for, and appreciation of, the nmon man, and an ability to be perfectly home with children. He spent long years his life in jail as a political prisoner, but ere is in him no trace of bitterness or entment towards the British rulers who re responsible for his imprisonment. He s not content to get freedom for India. asked what should be the content of that edom, and came to the conclusion that must be a state in which the interests of e common man were conserved, so that he uld live in peace at home, and be a good ighbour to the rest of the world. The ct that India today, only nine years er winning her independence, is highly spected in the Councils of the nations, is large measure due to the fact that waharlal Nehru was at the helm.

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By Russell Braddon. (Toronto: British Book Service [Canada] Ltd.) $3.50.

"Don't you dare write one of those miserble war books full of horror," Nancy Wake ld author Russell Braddon. "My War was ll of laughter and people I loved." Mr. raddon did as he was told. He has written e story of this indomitable woman with ill and understanding, played up the iendship, love, laughter and adventure; nd played down the tragedy, the horror, e vulgarity of war. In France when war oke out, she was soon involved in the esistance Movement. Later having escaped England she became one of "Buckaster's girls" and was dropped back nto France to work with the Maquis 'Auvergne. This born leader of men was a oman of many names. She was known y Madame Fiocca, her married name, in Marseilles, Madame Andree to the Maquis, Gert" to her closest colleagues; Hélène to London headquarters; and by many uncomlimentary ones to the Germans who never ere able to capture this leader of the sector hich gave them the most difficulty. Nancy Vake knew no fear; had a wonderful sense f humour and love of people, and these, espite war's cruelties, carried her through mazing adventures. She received the George Cross from Britain; two Croix de Guerre vith palm, one Croix de Guerre with star, nd the Resistance Medal from France; the Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm from he United States. Following the war she eturned to Australia where she was born, ontested a seat in Parliament opposing the popular Dr. Evatt, and lost by only 127 otes. She returned to live in England.

Grandma Takes a Hand

By John Tait. (Toronto: The Ryerson Press.) $3.75.

Reviewed by J. H. Arnup.

This rather odd title covers a rich collection of short stories. They were written by a Scot living in Halifax and are more or less autobiographical, covering the period of his boyhood from twelve to fourteen years. They are as Scotch as the heather and remind me of the Wee MacGregor stories of a generation ago. Grandma is the central figure, and she is a "character"; the boy and his parents serve as convenient foils for her wit. You must meet Grandma; you'll like her.

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Russian Journey

By William O. Douglas. (Toronto: Doubleday Publishers.) $5.00.
Reviewed by Honor Buttars.

William O. Douglas is a noted Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. He has been a true democrat, not afraid to dissent in the judgments of subversion cases, the most famous being the Rosenberg trial. He enjoys, too, the role of world traveller, especially in the far places of the world, and has written several books on his experiences. *Russian Journey* is the account of his first trip to Russia made last year. Under such chapter headings as, "The Soviet People," "The Old and the New," "The State and Free Enterprise," "Soviet Agriculture," "Soviet Industry," "The Police, the Courts —and the Law," "Music and the Theatre," "Freedom of Expression," "Church and State," "Russia's Colonial Empire," and "The New Russian Strategy," Justice Douglas gives a picture of Russia as he saw it. He likes the Russian people. To him they resemble Americans in their friendly outgoing ways. Much of the Asiatic sections of Russia remind him of familiar scenery in the American West. He may not be deeply analytical, but he assesses fairly well for the average reader both the strong points of the regime and the undesirable ones; the basic flaw being for him the lack of individual freedom. He sees no hint of revolt in the country. Rather, the people appear alert, alive and dedicated to their task. Justice Douglas feels that the U.S. has two choices in its attitude to Russia. The first is to continue the expensive and dangerous economic and armaments race. The other choice, which he favours, is to make a political truce with Russia. Both countries would continue a competitive co-existence, but diplomacy would be the means of solving conflicts, rather than war and threats of war. *Russian Journey* is saner reading than much which issues from western presses about this land.

The Middle East: Its Religion and Culture

By Edward J. Jurji. (Toronto: The Ryerson Press.) $3.00.
Reviewed by C. E. Silcox.

Undoubtedly, the greatest phase of the East-West struggle today is that whose present focus is the Middle East. The Middle East is largely a part of Asia with important outposts in North Africa and Eastern Europe. It is the buffer between the East and the West and how it goes will largely determine the future of the next few hundred years. That is why some of us feel so deeply that the major issue confronting Christendom today is its better understanding of the Islamic world.

This same Middle East constitutes our contact with the whole Islamic world and also shares to no little extent the heritage of both Judaism and Christianity. In the Koran, Mohammed may have criticized some aspects of both Judaism and Christianity, but he also had many generous insights into the significance of the Jewish patriarchs and of Jesus Christ himself — even of the Virgin Mary! Consequently, Islam with its 350,000,000 adherents is not only one of the three great monotheistic religions but is also a buffer area between the Christian West and such religions as Hinduism and Buddhism. In the present renaissance of Islam of which there are so many evidences, the Christian communities — Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Coptic, Armenian, Jacobite and Protestant —long established in Lebanon and its neigh-

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ars, may have an important role to play ch in interpreting Christianity to the slims and Islam to the Christians. Both ve much to learn.

Dr. Jurji is a Presbyterian minister, born the Middle East and a graduate of the erican University of Beirut. He later eived his doctorate of philosophy at incetown, where he was also for a time member of its Institute for Advanced udies. He is now Professor of Islamics and mparative Religion at Princeton Theolog- al Seminary. His analysis of the present uation is a model of condensation, and he akes his case in a most impressive and en unforgettable fashion. No one who ants to understand the deeper challenge the Middle East can afford to neglect this ook or to make it the introduction to rther study and thought. Such a study ill do more to revitalize Christian thinking an any head-on attack on the reconstruc- on of Christian theology.

ahara Adventure

By Philippe Diole. (Toronto: Copp Clark Co., Ltd.) $5.25.

Reviewed by Dorothy Dumbrille.

A scholarly book by the author of *The ndersea Adventure, 4000 Years Under The ea* and *The Gates of the Sea,* translated om the French by Katherine Woods and lustrated with maps and photographs.

Last year Mr. Diole travelled to the ahara and found there evidence of a culture eaching far back into pre-history. He came pon paintings and carvings on rocks, elated to the early Egyptians and Creto- Mycenaean civilizations, olive trees, ypresses, geranium, all dwarfed through heir struggle with the sand. The lands of he Sahara are at present relatively empty, ut the word "desert," Mr. Diole points out, neans not "empty" but rather "abandoned." t is a land from which man has largely vithdrawn. Both sea and desert have a nessage to deliver, but we do not listen because we perhaps do not know how to hear. Mr. Diole delivers to us, here, this nessage in beautiful language.

From Pillar to Post

By Anne Sinclair Mehdevi. (Toronto: McClelland & Stewart.) $4.00.

With a light and humorous touch this American woman, married to a Persian working for the U.N., spins the yarn of her adventures. She has lived in nineteen different dwellings, had her sons in Mexico and Austria, learned to give orders in six different languages. Her capacity to throw herself into the middle of every situation, to get from it the maximum enjoyment, and her ability to share these globe-trotting adventures with her readers makes *From Pillar to Post* good reading. It is the sort of book a hostess delights to place on a bedside table for her guest's enjoyment.

Call Me Mother

By Virginia Taylor Klose. (Toronto: Dodd, Mead & Co.) $3.95.

Reviewed by Marjorie Homewood.

A book with appeal for anyone; an inspiration for those who spend their days rearing their young, picking up after the man of the house—those who bear the title "Mother." The authoress is one of those rare human beings who gets fun out of the most menial tasks. Her account of her life, from days in a convent to life on a farm as the mother of six children, plus a career, is one filled with many amusing experiences.

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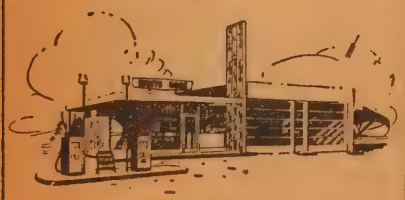

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Mr. Joseph L. Rutledge, author of "Century of Conflict"

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Century of Conflict

By Joseph Lister Rutledge. (Toronto: Doubleday Publishers.) $6.00.

Reviewed by E. M. Cook.

This is the second volume of the Canadian History Series of which Thomas B. Costain is editor. He wrote the first volume, *The White and the Gold.* Those who read that volume dealing with the early French period will want to read this one which carries the story forward through the period of conflict between the French and English ending with the elimination of France as a North American colonial power.

In my judgment it is well and impartially written. It is readable in the sense that one hates to miss any of its five hundred and sixteen pages. It is painstaking in that it brings to notice many persons and incidents of importance not very well known. It is interpretive in that it helps one to understand why certain things are as they are in Canada today. It explains the fundamental difference in character and attitude between the pioneer French and English settler which made it inevitable that the one should fail and the other succeed. One was too much the militarist and adventurer and trader, while the other was more of a settler and property holder. On the whole the French were nobly led but woefully misunderstood and unsupported in France, while the English had better support from home but were often badly and foolishly led. Stories abound of almost unbelievable courage and endurance, cupidity and savage cruelty but, if widely read, this book will make for better understanding and mutual respect among present-day Canadians.

Men In Arms

By Preston, Wise, and Werner. (Toronto: Burns & MacEachren, for Praeger, New York.) $7.50.

Reviewed by J. A. Davidson.

The subtitle of this book indicates its nature and scope: "A History of Warfare and its Interrelationships in Western Society." The book is based on a course given at the Royal Military College of Canada by the senior author, who is the Professor of History in that college. The junior authors are, respectively, a lecturer in History at Queen's University and an associate professor at the United States Naval Academy.

This is a competent piece of historical writing, and is free of both the sabre-rattling and emotional horrorizing that so often mar books which purport to study warfare. The final chapter, "Cold War," is a valuable discussion. This is a military book but it is not militaristic; there is no glorification of war here, no warrior sentimentality, no blood-and-iron worship. (The authors describe militarism as, among other things, "a distortion of military values by an over-emphasis upon the superficialities of military traditions and the insulation of the milita craft from society at large.") This book commended as a straightforward examin tion of the impact of war on Weste civilization.

The Age of Fighting Sail

By C. S. Forester. (Toronto: Doubled & Co.) $5.75.

Reviewed by J. H. Arnup.

To a Canadian, thoroughly fed up wit the average American interpretation history (specifically the War of 1812-14 it is encouraging, and even inspiring, read an objective account of that struggl in which praise and blame are assigned both sides, with equal discrimination. H begins by criticizing both governments f drifting into war: ". . . it was plain tha Mr. Madison had been fooled by Bonapart . . . prejudiced in favour of the Frenc Government, with its talk of liberty an equality, the United States Government di not realize that England, with all her faults was fighting for the liberty of the work against a tyranny as crushing and as treach erous as any that had appeared in history." In describing the Lake Erie naval engage ment in which Commodore Perry wa victorious he writes, "Barclay's Canadian and soldiers and handful of seamen stoo to their guns with a bravery which was onl equalled by Perry's Kentuckians and soldier and handful of seamen." Reporting th capture of Washington, he states that ". . the British were astonishingly well behaved." Referring to the death of Brock he says "Brock had lived long enough to prove hi energy and ingenuity and ability." So h goes on. Perhaps we should expect suc an attitude from the creator of Horati Hornblower but it is none the less welcome

This distinguished book is the sixth in th "Mainstream of America" series.

I Was Chaplain on The Franklin

By Joseph T. O'Callahan. (New York: The Macmillan Co.; Toronto: Brett-Macmillan Ltd.) $2.75.

Reviewed by A. J. Wilson.

A vivid account of the attack by Japanese bombers on the Aircraft Carrier *Franklin,* fifty miles off the coast of Japan, March 19, 1945. The writer, Father O'Callahan, who was the Roman Catholic padre on the carrier, describes life aboard the ship, the last Mass before action, and the terrible experiences of the attack in which 432 were killed and over 1,000 wounded. It makes sad and nerve-racking reading. It demonstrates, though, that amid all the carnage of modern warfare, there is courage, faith, comradeship and unselfishness. The value of chaplains to bring comfort and help to the wounded and dying was never better set forth. This book strips away the glamour of modern warfare and shows it in its stark naked brutality. A grim reminder of the past and a hope for never again.

Novels

The Nun's Story

By Kathryn Hulme. (Toronto: Little, Brown & Company [Canada] Ltd.) 339 pp. $4.50.

Reviewed by Dorothy Dumbrille.

While it may seem strange to readers of THE UNITED CHURCH OBSERVER that we should recommend a book about the life of a Roman Catholic nun, we feel this is a work we should not overlook. We must

) in mind, however, that a dedicated life uite possible in other environment than of the Convent and that while women enter these institutions are wholly ere and entirely devoted to their work to God, yet they might have done as it a work, or possibly a greater work for kind and for God in "the world." hryn Hulme brings this out when she s, at the end of the book, how Sister ce leaves her Order, after seventeen years service, to become a nurse in an English y medical outfit at the time of World r II.

n many people the need cries out for ce privacy and for a less distracted, a re dedicated life than our circumstances mit. Sister Luke seeks this privacy. She a Belgian girl, and this story actually pened when she turned aside from marge to enter a famous nursing order. We low her from novice to nun and then to a pital in the Belgian Congo.

For those who sometimes wonder what s on behind the walls of a Convent this a remarkable and illuminating book. The chapters on Africa are particularly eresting. Here she wins the love of the cks and of all with whom she comes in ntact, but she is called back to Belgium cause of ill-health. When, in 1940, her spital on the Dutch border, is caught up the Resistance, she cannot subdue her te for the enemy and becomes secretly volved in the needs of the people. This is here she is forced to make her decision.

All the time she was in the Convent, ster Luke's conscience troubled her. "When e bell calls to chapel, and I have to crifice what might be the psychological oment in a spiritual talk with a patient, y conscience asks which has priority—it or e Holy Rule. In my mind I have never en able to make this clear."

We think this argument put up by the ster herself gives us good reason to recomend this book to our Protestant readers. A ligion with rigid rules and discipline which nnot give way to the need of the moment, religion which does all the thinking for s followers and gives them no free will or dgment is making itself greater than its lead, Christ Himself. "When I have night uty, I break the great silence, because that the time when nature relaxes, gives a ttle peace, and sometimes makes men in ouble want to talk about their souls. That the time when reason begins to query the ule most unanswerably. Why must God's elpers be struck dumb by five bells in the ery hours when spirits expand and seek to ommunicate?"

And the Mother Superior whom she espects and loves has no answer to her cry. This, we feel, is the greatest argument we an give for our own Faith — a Faith of reedom of thought and action in which our wn needs and the needs of our fellow-man nake the decision of what is required and s right at the moment.

Tolbecken

By Samuel Shellabarger. (Toronto: Little, Brown & Co. [Canada] Ltd.) $4.50.
Reviewed by Dorothy Dumbrille.

A novel by an already well-known writer who has given us such gripping and interesting works as *Prince of Foxes* and *Captain from Castile.* In *Tolbecken* he creates a character, Judge Rufus Tolbecken, unforgettable and outstanding.

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about the great oak now centred in his land and which is symbolic of the strength of the family which planted it. Old Rufus, himself, is like that oak—solid, enduring.

The story begins with the great oak's destruction by lightning, in 1898, and follows the life of young Jared Tolbecken who is at that time only eleven years old.

This novel about family life is the sort which entertains and also brings a sense of nostalgia. It will be enjoyed especially by older people who remember "the good old days."

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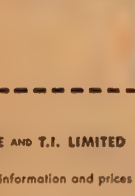

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A Package of Books

Reviewed by A. C. Forrest.

The frustrations of a preacher tur editor are centred around books. In pastorate you wanted them, loved th needed them and couldn't afford them were too far from a library to borrow th In the Publishing House there are s and stacks of them for an editor to bro through, and little time it seems to r them. However, we want to comment o very few.

About Artists

Ryerson brought out a lovely little bo beautifully printed and engraved, on artist A. J. Casson, by Paul Duval. Th are 37 illustrations of some of his fir work, and an introduction by the late B. Sandwell. It makes a nice partner to with *E. Grace Coombs, Artist,* prepared Dr. Lorne Pierce a few years back. Emm uel graduates know well that Miss Coo is in private life Mrs. J. S. Lawson. "Ji Lawson is the Emmanuel librarian and influence has nurtured a taste for g pictures in United Church parsonages fr coast to coast and beyond. We find that book is still in stock, but there aren't ma left.

Speaking of art, J. M. Dent & Sons (Ca ada, Ltd.) have published a nice thi *September Gale,* by John A. B. McLeish study of Arthur Lismer and the fam Group of Seven. $3.95. The three of th are musts for those who have been int duced to Canadian art, and make somethi fine for those coveting an introduction.

Surprised by Joy (Toronto: Wm. Colli Sons & Co.) $3.75, will have been read n by most fans of C. S. Lewis. For us nothi ever came up to the old *Screwtape Lette* this one is especially interesting in that shows how a character like the author *Screwtape* came to be.

How different, completely different w his early life and education to what Canadian might know. We still find descriptions of school days complete incredible, and depressing. But sometim we wish that we and our brethren mig have been exposed to the cold logic of private tutor, "Kirk."

About Alberta

We have been planning to do a maj piece on the religion of Alberta, and shall lean heavily on W. E. Mann, who *Sect, Cult, and Church in Alberta* has be published by the University of Toron Press. $4.00. Mann, an Anglican Priest, h studied the sociology of the Social Cre province, and written a great deal about It should be of particular interest to though ful rural people everywhere in Canada, a to all Albertans.

Life-Situation Preaching, by Charles Kemp, Bethany Press, St. Louis, is bei handled by The Ryerson Press, $3.00, an will be found different from the usual serm anthology. Some of the older specialist like Bushnell and Brooks, Fosdick, of cours Weatherhead, Sockman, Bonnell, Butteri and McCracken are all here, with commen on the methods of the masters. In additio there are lists of titles and other comment Despite the modern pooh-poohing of Fif Avenue homiletic psychiatry there are som ancient and solid precedents for lif situation preaching.

Dr. Neil M. Leckie, who wrote for The Observer for many years, has a new boo *Any Well That Springs,* Ryerson, $2.50, ju off the press. His old friends who hav missed him from our columns will have a opportunity to read again some of his choic little essays. and preachers will find he some finely ground grist ready for their mil

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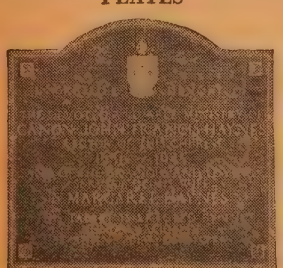

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No Man Cometh

By

By GEOFFREY SMITH*

HOW familiar these words are! Too familiar! For if we really took them seriously and believed that only through Jesus Christ can men come to the Father; that "there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved," surely there would be an urgency about our faith and witness that too often is lacking. If as individuals and a Church we really believed these words of our Lord Himself, do you suppose that there would be only three families from the whole of our "great" United Church volunteering for Overseas Mission work, as happened this year?

Do we think that the missionary task is nearly completed? Then how is it that a new movement like the Lenshina or Alice Movement can spread like wildfire in the Lubwa area of Northern Rhodesia where the Church of Scotland has been at work for 50 years? It is estimated that some 60,000 came to see Lenshina in 12 months and be baptizsed into this new religion, which is a strange mixture of fear and superstition with a few semi - Christian trappings. Lenshina herself is an ignorant country woman who can neither read nor write and who calls the New Testament "icibolya" — a deserted village or hollow shell—a familiar sight in the surrounding bush. The movement has now reached the Copperbelt 500 miles away and there are congregations in Luanshya. There are, of course, a number of factors behind the rise of this movement, but one of the chief is that one missionary is expected to do three men's work, such as run a mission station, keep the schools going, and do evangelistic work. Consequently the district work has been left largely in the hands of half-trained evangelists, only one step removed from paganism themselves. The missionary had little time left to do the rural and district work. Send us more helpers! Come over into Central Africa and help us!

On the Copperbelt one ordained African minister, with an evangelist, plus half the time of a missionary (the other half is given to the European congregation) have the responsibility for preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ among 60,000 people. This is in one Copperbelt town alone. Naturally we are but scratching the surface in our evangelistic work.

Come on over and help us, while there is yet the time, for thousands do not yet know the Father through Jesus Christ — there is much work still to be done.

Surely The United Church of Canada is not content to leave the Overseas work to the Sects. Certainly they are here in abundance.

Much well-founded criticism has been made of missionary work in China. Why was the Church not stronger after all the years of missionary endeavour — and the land more Christian? But during the last part of our term in West China there were but two evangelistic missionaries (and for nearly a year only one) with three Chinese pastors among 3,000,000 Chinese people. No other church except the Roman Catholic was in this area. Year after year we pleaded for more helpers, but the Board had neither funds nor personnel to send. If the Church was weak in China—it was not only the fault of the missionary. The Home Church must also share the blame for failing adequately to support the work and use the God-given opportunities. Are we doing any better today? What shall we say on that Day (to use St. Paul's phrase) about our stewardship of God's gifts?

The followers of Lenshina chant "When shall we be saved? We who love the country of darkness! We who love the country of slavery! When shall we be saved?" And the answer is "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." How shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" For it is still true that NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER BUT BY ME. Who will go for us? Here am I, send me!

**Mr. and Mrs. Smith are missionaries in Northern Rhodesia.*
Rev. J. W. E. Newbery of Trinidad will be the next contributor.

Daggart In My Step

By Dorothy Dumbrille. (Toronto: The Ryerson Press.) $3.75.

Reviewed by Alice Ann Dorey.

This is a continuation of stories of Glen-ry begun in *Up and Down the Glens* a ple of years ago. The author has travelled ng the concession roads within a few les of Alexandria, where she lives, and s persuaded older members of families ing in ancestral homes to recall stories pioneer life told to them by parents and ndparents.

In a few years these would have been lost mpletely had she not with great patience reted out old letters and memories which abled her to reconstruct a picture of one ndred and fifty years ago when the early ttlers penetrated dense forests to hew out mes and till the ground for food.

With much persistence Dorothy Dumbrille s traced individual members of early milies who have achieved eminence in ecial fields of accomplishment.

The pen and ink sketches by the well-nown artist, Stuart McCormick, add interest these tales of bygone days in the four wnships directly north of Lake St. Francis.

The Flood

By Scott Young. (Toronto: McClelland & Stewart, Ltd.) $3.50.

Reviewed by J. H. Arnup.

As can be inferred by the title this gripping novel grew out of the Winnipeg lood of 1950. Its interpretation of that dis-ster, and narrow escape from much greater lestruction, strikes one with a sense of eality. The high courage and the spirit of dventure in which practically all males and nany women took up the challenge of nature to defend their homes make an inspiring story. It would almost seem that a sense of release marked the dropping of everyday tasks in order to man the dykes. Unfortunately, for sensitive folk the story is marred by an over-emphasis on sex and the liberal use of profanity and vulgar phrases throughout.

The Marjorie Rawlings' Reader

Edited by Julia Scribner Bigham. (Toronto: S. J. Reginald Saunders Co., Ltd.) $6.50.

Reviewed by A. J. Wilson.

This book is a selection of the works of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, a popular writer of the thirties. Her *The Yearling* received the Pulitzer prize of that year. She writes of the Florida crackers, a clan of ne'er-do-wells, who eked out a precarious existence, mostly from making moonshine, in the scrub lands of Florida. Miss Rawlings lived among them and writes with artistry, understanding and sympathy. Julia Scribner Bigham has selected a number of her writings including a full length novel, *South Moon Under*, and has published them in one volume. There is a characteristic selection from *The Yearling* and a number of short stories, some humorous, some pathetic, some sad, all interesting. For those who have read Marjorie Rawlings this book will be welcomed; for those who have not, there is a rare treat in store.

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Religious Books

The Ten Commandments

By Solomon Goldman. Edited by Maurice Samuel. (Toronto: University of Toronto Press.) $3.75.

Reviewed by A. J. Wilson.

The Ten Commandments by Rabbi Goldman is published posthumously. It is part of a larger project on which the author was at work at the time of his death. The author in general accepts the results of the documentary theory and higher criticism. He brings to an understanding of the history and origin of the decalogue all the light available from Babylonian, Greek, The Rabbinical school, and other sources. Exposition is at a minimum. The main emphasis is on the origin and purpose of the Commandments and their place in religious history. The minister looking for sermonic material will not find it ready-made. He will have to dig hard. Old Testament scholars will find it a mine of information.

Joy In Believing

(From the spoken and written word of Henry Sloan Coffin)

Edited by Walter Russell Bowie. (Toronto: S. J. Reginald Saunders Co., Ltd.) $3.50.

Reviewed by A. J. Wilson.

Henry Sloan Coffin was one of the great Divines of our generation. Teacher, pastor, writer, mystic, he has left a lasting impression for good on our western culture. From among his writings, Walter Russell Bowie has made a representative selection. These are accompanied by a number of Dr. Coffin's hitherto unpublished prayers. The articles are brief and designed for day by day devotional reading and meditation. Dr. Coffin brings to bear on problems that confuse and perplex his own ripe scholarship and Christian experience. A helpful and stimulating book.

The Protestant Way

By Kenneth Hamilton. (London: The Epworth Press; Toronto: John C. Winston Co., Ltd.) $4.25.

Reviewed by C. Clare Oke.

This most competent book is a clarification of the deeper issues between Roman and Anglo-Catholicism and Protestantism. "The Protestant view is that while Christ is not known apart from the institutions which mediate Him to believers, He is not known even there except by faith. Divine revelation itself must be known through its personal apprehension." "Faith is independent of reason. That is not to say that we need not trouble ourselves to be reasonable in matters of faith, but only that reason is the means of expressing supra-rational truth and never the final judge of its truthfulness." Over against objectivism, which rests on the assumption of Roman Catholic theologians that there is an indisputable body of religious knowledge apart from faith, and subjectivism, which allows no authority outside the individual conscience, is the Protestant way which from its image of the God-man axis may be styled, after Martin Buber, the way of "dialogue." "We can only wait upon God to show us what we must do, as what we must believe, and do so in fellowship with our neighbour whose beliefs may not be ours."

The author argues, perhaps surprisingly to some, for the admissibility of doubt—"Trust in saving knowledge implies a relative skepticism about all knowledge that lies outside the sphere of faith" — of the freedom to be wrong, "the most precious of all freedoms, as well as the most costly," of secularism in the State, "for secular society embodies the Protestant conception of faith as a theocratic society can never do." And he contends for the subordination of morality to faith. "In place of rigid moral precepts, Protestant moral theology looks to the Spirit for moral understanding according to the mind of Christ."

The writer has done a vast amount of reading among such as Kierkegaard, Tillich, Nygren, Berdyaev, Maritain, but also of clear thinking on his own, and we should be glad that so stout yet also so fair a champion of the Protestant mode of thought and life has come from England to Canada and is now a minister of our Church.

"The Dead Sea Scriptures in English Translation"

With introduction and notes by *Theodor H. Gaster.* (Toronto: Doubleday Publishers.) $4.50.

Reviewed by Roy M. Pounder.

Professor Gaster "offers renderings of all the principal and intelligibly preserved documents retrieved from the Dead Sea caves, together with that of a related text (the so-called *Zadokite Document*) which was discovered, nearly fifty years ago, in an old synagogue at Cairo" (page 1). Of special interest to the Bible student is an index of Biblical quotations and parallels, which are related to corresponding passages in the translated documents.

"This book is addressed to laymen" (page vii); but I imagine that even ministers will find it sufficiently technical. The author is a distinguished Orientalist. His sober, cautious, and conservative interpretation of the Dead Sea Scrolls should provide an effective antidote to the wild speculation sometimes indulged in, in this connection.

Those who are interested in this topic may pursue it further in *The Dead Sea Scrolls* by Millar Burrows and *The Zadokite Fragments and the Dead Sea Scrolls* by H. H. Rowley. I have not read the latter; but I can recommend the former most cordially.

The Man and The Book Nobody Knows

By Bruce Barton. (Toronto: McClelland & Stewart, Ltd.) $4.00.

Reviewed by H. Howey.

Under these audacious titles young Barton wrote two books thirty years ago. He has now revised and re-issued them in one volume. A lot has happened since 1925, and I imagine what some theologians would say about this Life of Christ. Barton writes: "I am an advertising man, my purpose is not to write a biography but to paint a portrait." This he does by putting Scripture in his own words, occasionally observing, wisely, a "reverent silence." There are several "Americanisms," i.e., Jesus' "executive ability," but the attempt to make Jesus "real" is sincere.

There is a chapter on How We Got the Bible, summaries of many Scriptures, and brief Bible biographies of Ten Great Men and Ten Famous Women. Perhaps busy business people may read the book and be led to deeper study.

"The Light and the Flame"

Composite, edited by *R. C. Chalmers* a *John A. Irving.* (Toronto: Ryerson Pres $3.50.

Reviewed by Dean K. Burns.

The world is incredibly vast; life up this earth is complex yet profound as the mind of man; there is that which profounder; we can still live to the glory God; in fact we had better, would appe to be the main thesis of this volume.

The enterprise and good judgment of t editors is to be commended. There are sev chapters as varied in reflecting the light was Joseph's coat, and much like th singular garment covered a single subje with something of the same effect, excitir wonder, praise and envy. In the first pla they made a wise choice of scientists ar scholars whose contribution make th volume. Then they left them free, each an informed reporter in his own field, tell his story.

Herbert Butterfield states that there is sense in which all histories—like all scientif interpretations are only "interim reports Just such a collection of interim report based on informed, accurate observation are these chapters. The authors have bee subjected to no restrictions except truth ar factual reporting. The first chapter, "Tl Universe Around Us," by Prof. Helen Hog sets the tone of the whole book. Throug the eyes of this astronomer we are projecte into a dimension where we behold a univer evolving and developing, new stars ar worlds being created, where "the phra the 'music of the spheres' has taken on ne meaning as elaborate recording devices pic up sounds from the heavenly bodies." Or is reminded reading the opening chapter the poet, Wm. Blake's exclamation: "Wh do I behold at the rising of the sun, a fie orb? No, I hear countless of the heaven host singing, 'Holy, Holy, Holy'."

Much of this same impression persis through the book. They have refreshingl avoided offering some of those nineteen century forays into reconciling science an religion, or trying to defend something, lea of all the faith. It is not a pooling of th ignorance of experts in one department knowledge about matters outside their prov ince. In general each chapter tells of th advance science has made in its knowledg and its conception of the nature of th universe, the nature of life, the mind man and human society. Though thes writings do not sponsor a specific credo, or is left with no doubt that a moral an spiritual credo shines through and indirectl informs all that is written.

This is a volume in which we are brougl up to date by those who are competent t speak about what they believe and thin concerning the world above us, around u within and beyond us.

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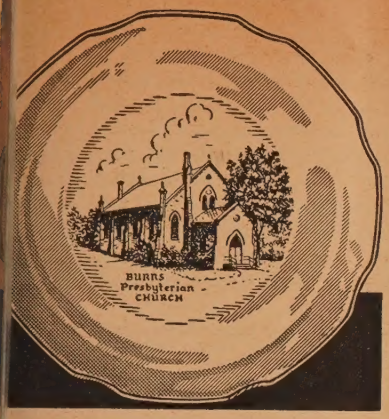

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PREACHERS

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Some of the ministers having the toughest time financially are those in low-salaried city pulpits.

A Rural Presbytery

Perth Presbytery in London Conference is typical of the older, prosperous sections of rural Canada. Most of its pastoral charges have two or three appointments. There are some fine towns like St. Mary's and Mitchell, and Listowel, and one small city, Stratford, with three United Churches.

There are no lay supplies, no student charges, and no grants from Home Missions for salaries. The typical salary was about $2,800. Ten of the 17 charges paid from $2,800 to $3,000. Listowel paid $3,650; Mitchell, $3,700; St. Mary's, $3,850; Central and St. John's in Stratford paid $4,000. Just $300,000 was raised for all purposes, with about $53,000 paid for salaries. Five of the churches did not hold the Every-Member Canvass, which is supposed to be mandatory in the United Church. Four of the defaulters paid the minimum salary. Every charge paid at least $400 travelling allowance.

The Presbytery contributed about one-sixth of its total income for M. and M., but only $2,388 for Church Extension.

This is a pleasanter picture, as far as the financial lot of the minister is concerned than is painted in much of Canada.

One of the constant sources of criticism of congregational officials — a criticism which seldom comes into the open, is the wide difference in salaries paid to the senior and assistant ministers. This probably dates from the time when large churches, with mature ministers carrying heavy responsibilities, called a young ordinand and paid him a low stipend. It was considered valuable experience, a sort of internship when his living costs would be low.

The system introduced some 18 years ago whereby ordinands go to mission fields, or aid-receiving charges for two years, changed this custom, but the old level of salary for assistants remained the same for many. Some congregations have corrected this recently.

What About Assistants!

We are not going to name congregations in this, for the *Year Book* is a little confusing. Often the assistant minister's salary is lumped with that of a retired visiting minister, and it looks better than it really is. In some cases the assistant may be spending some time taking a course at the University and is not being paid at the full-time rate.

A few *Year Book* figures may point up this problem, however. One North Toronto church pays its minister $8,700 and its assistant $3,300. A Western Canada church pays its minister $8,000 and its assistant $3,000. A Toronto West church pays one $7,250 and the other $3,250. There are

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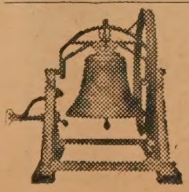

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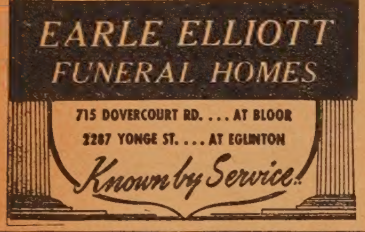

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others such as in Hamilton where the senior minister received $6,000 and the associate $4,700. In Woodgreen Church, Toronto, the minister, a bachelor, received $3,600, and his assistant $3,700.

This discrepancy may have been the reason why the General Council now instructs its office to publish salaries in two separate lines. For many years both minister and associate salaries were added together in the *Year Book* figures.

least six places where the salaries are in line. Some theological professors; ru ministers who do not receive the minimu overseas missionaries; some assistant a associate ministers; city ministers in lo salaried or minimum-salaried church some home missionaries serving on rem fields and Indian missions who need to able to get out for some sabbatical perio

In the next issue we will cover salaries of overseas and home missionari lay supplies; church officers, theologi colleges, and workers for the W.M.S.

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The Forrest-Douglas four-point charge, Brandon Presbytery, vacant Nov. 1, 1956. Interested ministers please write F. A. Neabel, R. R. 5, Brandon, Manitoba.

Fenwick three-point pastoral charge, Niagara Presbytery, vacant. Ministers apply to Merelle Stirtzinger, Secretary, Fenwick, Ontario.

St. Paul's United Church, Magog, Que., two-point charge, will be vacant December 1st. Interested ministers please write J. B. Connor, Chairman, Pastoral Relations Committee, 654 Bellevue Street, Magog, Quebec.

The Nipigon-Red Rock Charge, Superior Presbytery, now vacant. Interested ministers please write to the Secretary of the Pastoral Relations Committee, Mrs. A. S. Kadzielawa, Red Rock, Ontario.

Cottam and Albuna, two-point charge, Essex Presbytery, will be vacant on January 1st. Interested ministers please communicate with Mr. Clarence Haggins, Chairman, Pastoral Relations Committee, R. R. 2, Ruthven, Ontario.

Onondaga two-point charge, Brant Presbytery, now vacant. Retired minister preferred or student. Please contact Earl Hamilton, R. R. 2, Cainsville, Ontario.

Holloway Street United Church, Belleville, Ont., becomes vacant December 31st next. Interested ministers please write to Mr. L. W. Digby, Chairman of Pastoral Relations Committee, 371 Bridge St. E., Belleville, Ontario.

Ministers' Addresses

Rev. J. A. Breckenridge, Mount Royal Church, 1800 Graham Blvd., Montreal 16, Que.

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Birth

BROWN—To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Brown (formerly Beverley E. Woods), at Lutamo, Angola, a son, William Thomas, born October 23rd, 1956, a brother to Dorothy.

Death Notices

H. (HARRY) R. HARDY died at Toronto July 31, 1956. He was one of the original members of the Eaton Memorial Church and remained in its fellowship to the day of his death. After he retired from a long and honourable career in the T. Ea Co. his days were mainly devoted to the inter of the Church. He participated in its activit served on many of its Boards, and was held great affection and honour by all his fellow-me bers. A very good man has passed to his rewar

REV. JAMES McCREA died suddenly at home in Chatham, Ontario, on October 6th, at age of 86. He was born in South Dumfries, graduated from the University of Toronto and K College, going immediately to Manitoba in 18 He then held one pastorate in Saskatchewan several in south-western Ontario, retiring Chatham 18 years ago. He is survived by his w and daughter.

MRS. DONALD STEWART, wife of the Rev. Donald Stewart, died in Alvinston, in her 7 year. Mrs. Stewart was born in St. Martin's, N as Lottie C. Carson, and lived with her husb in pastorates at Alexandria, Dorchester, Rodney, Alvinston. She is survived by a daughter, M Wm. Gray, Toronto, also three sisters.

MARIAN HAMILTON SEMAKA, daughter Dr. George H. Hamilton and Mrs. Hamilt Vancouver, B.C., wife of Mr. Alec Semaka, d at Drumheller, Alberta, Sept. 22nd, after a b illness. She is survived also by four children, brother and sister.

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